

SPECIAL MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
March 18, 2008

A special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Old Council Chamber of the Memorial Borough Hall on March 18, 2008 and was called to order by Mayor John E. Ekdahl at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ekdahl, Councilwoman DeVoe, Councilmen Broderick, Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

Absent: None.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was present.

C. Bernard Blum, Jr., Borough Engineer, was present.

The Mayor declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a notice forwarded at least 48 hours in advance thereof to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

LETTER FROM GREGORY S. BLASH, P.E. OF LEON S. AVAKIAN, INC., ENGINEER ON THE NEW BOROUGH HALL BUILDING PROJECT, DATED MARCH 18, 2008 RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOROUGH ACCEPT THE LOW BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375,016.20 RECEIVED ON THE PHASE I OF THE PARKING LOT AND DRAINAGE WORK ON THE PROJECT AND AWARD THE CONTRACT TO LUCAS CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. OF OLD BRIDGE:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter dated March 18, 2008 from Gregory S. Blash, P.E. of Leon S. Avakian, Inc., Engineer on the New Borough Hall Building Project, recommending that the Borough award a contract to Lucas Construction Group, Inc. of 1696 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857. Mr. Blash advised in his letter that the Borough received ten sealed, completed bids on March 18, 2008 on Phase I for the Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements for the Project and that the low bid from Lucas Construction Group, Inc. was in the amount of \$375,016.20 and the highest bid received was \$594,345.00.

On motion by Councilman Hemphill, seconded by Councilman Broderick, this communication was ordered received on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, DeVoe, Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

BOND ORDINANCE 08-004 TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATION ON THE BOND ORDINANCE APPROVED MARCH 29, 2007. PUBLIC HEARING:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that an ordinance entitled:

08-004

**BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING A BOND ORDINANCE FINALLY
ADOPTED MARCH 29, 2007 BY THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON,
IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR CHANGES THEREIN**

was scheduled for public hearing at this time. He stated that the ordinance had been posted and published and the affidavit of publication is on file.

On motion by Councilman Kammerer, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, the public were given an opportunity to be heard on this ordinance in final reading. All in favor.

There was no response from the public.

On motion by Councilman Kammerer, seconded by Councilwoman DeVoe, the public hearing on this ordinance was declared closed. All in favor.

Councilman Kammerer moved the adoption of this ordinance in final reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, DeVoe, Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO LUCAS
CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. OF OLD BRIDGE FOR THE NEW BOROUGH HALL
BUILDING PROJECT PHASE I FOR PARKING LOT AND DRAINAGE
IMPROVEMENTS:**

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2008, ten bids were received for the New Borough Hall Building Project Phase I for Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has reviewed the bids and considered the recommendations of the Borough Engineer and Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the lowest responsive bid from a responsible bidder for New Borough Hall Building Project Phase I for Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements was that of Lucas Construction Group, Inc., 1696 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has provided a certification of availability of funds to award the contract for the New Borough Hall Building Project Phase I for Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements as referenced on Purchase Order Number 08-00441 for the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson that it does hereby accept the bid of Lucas Construction Group, Inc., 1696 Englishtown Road, Old Bridge, NJ 08857, in the amount of \$375,016.20 for the New Borough Hall Building Project Phase I for Parking Lot and Drainage Improvements, as recommended by the Engineer on the Project by letter dated March 18, 2008, which is on file in the Municipal Clerk's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are authorized to execute the contract documents with Lucas Construction Group, Inc.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Rubin and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, DeVoe, Hemphill, Kammerer, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and the following Councilmen responded:

Councilman Shanley stated that he wanted to share a very positive experience that he had witnessed with his son regarding the Rumson First Aid Squad coming to the aid of a 79 year old man at What's Your Beef on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. He stated that the five or six Squad members and one or two Police Officers arrived within two to three minutes of the call being placed. The gentleman had gone into a catatonic state at the dining table and the Squad, including Captain Jim Hempstead, Jenn Sapnar and Eddie Moran, and Police Officers Anthony Ciambrone and Kevin Gaynor were professional and calming for the patient and took care of the matter in about ten minutes. He added that he had overheard the many very favorable remarks made by staff and customers concerning how fortunate Rumson was to have such an outstanding First Aid Squad and Police Force.

Councilman Broderick advised that he had experienced a similar incident in Barnacle Bill's Restaurant when a man thought he was having a heart attack and there was an immediate and efficient response from our volunteers.

Councilman Shanley asked if the Council could do anything to recognize them for their service to the Borough.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that he had forwarded Councilman Shanley's e-mail on the matter the other day to the Squad Captain and that he would also forward a copy of the minutes of this meeting to the Squad to be read at their next meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The Mayor afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time and no one responded.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Councilwoman DeVoe, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator